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Red Cross Messages Await Unregistered Evacuees

"Somebody may be looking for you," is the new slogan adopted by the evacuee records section of Red Cross flood relief headquarters in the civic auditorium. The slogan is prompted by the thousands of messages, phone calls, telegrams and letters pouring in to the Red Cross each day from anxious relatives and friends attempting to locate evacuated people. Many of these messages cannot be delivered, because the addressees have not notified the Red Cross of their new address. The Red Cross have complete records of persons actually evacuated under their care, but many thousands of people who left town on their own are not recorded. The Red Cross requests all who have been forced out of their homes by the flood to register at Flood Relief H.Q. as soon as possible, by telephone, wire, or letter, regardless of whether they need help or not. With this information available, these urgent messages could be delivered.

GOOD NEIGHBORS' CLUB ENTERTAINED BY TROUPE

The Cheerio concert troupe turned out Sunday evening to entertain some 150 members of the Good Neighbors' club with a variety programme, which was directed by Miss Mabelle Monnington. Accompanists were Florence Milne and Robert Kester, while the master of ceremonies was Edgar A. Rose. Participating in the programme were Helen Hendry, Lowell Wood, Miss Milne and Miss Monnington, Paul Munson, Gloria Palmer, and Jack Oldfield. Refreshments were provided by the Rebekah district No. 2, I.O.O.F.

FLOOD HOLIDAYS END FOR ST. JAMES' PUPILS

Flood holidays for St. James' junior high and high school students have come to an end. T. B. Findlay, chairman of the St. James school board, said Monday, Tuesday morning all junior high school pupils, those in grades seven, eight and nine, were back at their respective schools, while senior high school students will report at 9 a.m. Wednesday to St. James collegiate. According to Mr. Findlay, authority has been given to principals to organize work groups if any flood emergency arises during school hours.

Still No Typhoid Reported in Manitoba

Although 31 new cases of measles were recorded in Manitoba during the seven days ending May 13, to top the list of communicable diseases for that period, there were no instances of typhoid fever or paratyphoid reported, a release from the provincial health department was disclosed. The new cases of measles brought the province's total for the year to date to 715. Also high on the list of communicable diseases for the week were tuberculosis and chicken pox, 14 and 11 new cases respectively being reported. Yearly totals for these ailments now stand at 298 and 686 respectively. Other communicable diseases, with yearly totals in brackets, are: erysipelas, 2 (27); influenza, 2 (63); German measles, 2 (6); mumps, 3 (151); lobar pneumonia, 2 (88); scarlet fever, 3 (171); and tetanus, 1 (1).

FAMILY ALLOWANCE CHECKS GO OUT TO 107,000

In a story published in the Free Press, it was stated that the district family allowance department had distributed 1,007 family allowance checks a week earlier in anticipation of flood evacuations and disruptions. The number of checks should have been 107,000. H. J. Megaffin, district treasury officer, pointed out Tuesday. These were turned out by department personnel who kept machines going 38 hours to complete the task.

Order Of Scottish Clans Offers Assistance

Sympathy and offers of aid have been extended to Winnipeggers by the Royal Order of Scottish Clans, United States and Canada. "Should there be any distress among our Auld Folk, we would appreciate hearing from some of you with suggestions as to how the Royal Clan can best help," said Gilbert Carmichael, chief of the order, in a telegram received by the Free Press Tuesday. "We learn through the daily press and radio of the serious flood conditions in your beautiful city, and we are naturally greatly worried about our clansmen and their families in Winnipeg and vicinity. We sincerely hope none of them have suffered personal or property damage." It read. The telegram from Minneapolis, expressed "deepest sympathy for the people of Winnipeg in the unexpected calamity that has visited them, and all good wishes that conditions will soon revert to normal."

EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT MADE TO SUPPLY BAGS

Every effort "physically possible" has been made by the city to supply individual needs for sand bags, Ald. C. E. Simonite told city council Monday night. However, the city's first responsibility was for protection of vital utilities during the crisis, he pointed out. "I want to assure those people who didn't get their sand bags that we were not neglecting them. But all equipment just had to be centered on the utilities and the major dikes," he said.

East Kildonan Council Meeting Brief

The East Kildonan council held one of its shortest meetings on record Monday. The session lasted 40 minutes. Reason? You guessed it. Council members have turned flood relief work into their past two weeks. Mayor J. L. Bantz, his councillors and secretary P. E. C. Bantz have been actively engaged in dike work in East Kildonan. "I've been so busy with the flood that I haven't had much time to prepare for this meeting," Mr. Bantz said. The main item on the short business agenda was council's acceptance of the Central Mortgage and Housing corporation plan to apply the rent levy on its 1948 and 1949 peace-time housing projects in the municipality at the rate of 60 cents for every \$100 of combined cost of the projects. This, council agreed, would make for an over-all equalization of rent paid by the tenants.

Planning Urged For Rehabilitation

Evidence of a slow drift back to evacuated homes spurred Winnipeg's flood control committee Tuesday to speed up rehabilitation plans. The major problem facing the committee was the extent of its jurisdiction over the flooded areas, not only in Winnipeg proper, but in the whole of Greater Winnipeg. It was agreed that the entire problem must be treated on a "metropolitan" basis, but doubts were expressed over the city's power or ability to plan for suburban areas as well as the city proper.

Sanitation Main Factor

That sanitary conditions, rather than power, should determine the fitness of a home for re-occupation, "We are already getting requests for re-connection of power services in certain high areas that were evacuated purely as a precautionary measure. The people seem to be drifting slowly back," pointed out E. V. Caton, chief engineer for the Winnipeg Electric company. He wanted to know whose authority his company should seek for connection of services in such areas. "In Winnipeg proper, the situation is very clear-cut. Our inspectors will check first, then we re-connect. But in the outside municipalities, there is no such common policy," pointed out H. L. Briggs, assistant manager of the city hydro and chairman of the electrical re-establishment committee. Mr. Briggs revealed that the electrical industry in Winnipeg was gradually mobilizing to handle restoration of electrical services in now-flooded areas.

SONS OF SCOTLAND EVENTS CANCELLED DUE TO FLOOD

Banquet of the Dame Isobel Aberdeen camp, Sons of Scotland, which was scheduled to take place tonight at The Homestead, has been cancelled due to flood conditions. A bicycle hike to Lido Plage to be held May 28 by the Young People's council of the Sons of Scotland, has also been cancelled.

Winnipeg Unions Request AFL And CIO Flood Aid

Winnipeg's three central labor groups, the T.L.C., C.C.L. and O.E.U., in a resolution passed Monday, made an urgent appeal to the American Federation of Labor, headed by William Green, and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, headed by Philip Murray, to organize a drive on an international basis in aid of the Manitoba flood relief fund.

Combined membership of the A.F.L. and the C.I.O., it has been reported, is more than the entire population in Canada. The appeal to the A.F.L. is to be made through the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, headed by Percy Bengough, and to the C.I.O. by the Canadian Congress of Labor, headed by A. R. Hoshier. In addition, each local of the international union here is to make a direct appeal for financial assistance to its own international head office in the United States.

Both Canadian congresses of labor have already made appeals to their affiliated unions in aid of the relief fund for Winnipeg flood victims.

The decision to make an appeal to the two powerful central labor bodies in the United States was made after representatives of the three local central labor groups had discussed the desperate need of money for the rehabilitation of flood sufferers.

Murphy Heads Body

It was unanimously agreed that those attending the meeting constitute a permanent trades union committee of the Manitoba Flood Relief fund, and Andrew Murray, chairman of the provincial executive of T.L.C., was chosen its chairman. Other executive members of the committee are G. S. Borgford, secretary of the Winnipeg Labor council, C.C.L., and Sid Shee, assistant secretary of the O.E.U. central labor council.

The groups endorsed an appeal made by Premier D. L. Campbell to the employers that no deductions be made from their employees' pay if they were working on the dikes. It was reported that the employers have made deductions from the pay of employees who lost time while working on the dikes.

Jobless Payments

Another resolution, endorsed by the committee, suggested to Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, federal minister of labor, that an order-in-council be passed suspending a nine-day waiting period under the unemployment insurance act in Greater Winnipeg, during the flood emergency period.

It has been reported that many employees have been laid off due to the flood.

Cecil Lamont, honorary organizer of the Manitoba flood relief fund, told the labor groups that it would require millions of dollars to rehabilitate flood victims. Just how many millions, he said, nobody knew, but it would be much greater than the \$2,000,000 raised for the Fraser Valley flood sufferers.

When asked if workers would receive compensation for loss of time due to work caused by the flood, both Mr. Lamont and H. W. Manning, chairman of the general committee of the Manitoba Flood Relief fund, stated they could not say definitely but thought it unlikely such compensation would be forthcoming.

Other members of the permanent

Zionists Donate \$1,000 To Help Flood Victims

A contribution of \$1,000 was voted Monday by the executive committee of the Zionist Organization of Canada to the Canadian Red Cross society to aid Winnipeg flood victims.

The committee, meeting in Montreal Monday, under the co-presidents, Samuel A. Schwisberg, Montreal and Edward E. Gelber, Toronto, adopted a resolution voting assistance to flood victims and voiced its sympathy.

The resolution stated: "The executive of the Zionist Organization of Canada, on behalf of its members throughout the dominion, recognizing the Winnipeg flood disaster as a national emergency, expresses its deepest sympathy for the sufferers and is contributing \$1,000 to the Canadian Red Cross to help the flood victims."

Sanger Urges Intensive Patrols Of Soggy Dikes

Intensive patrolling of soggy sandbag dikes protecting Winnipeg's power stations was urged Tuesday by J. W. Sanger, general manager of the city hydro. The power situation was still under control, but constant patrols should be maintained, he warned the city's flood control committee. "There is evidence that deterioration of sandbag dikes is more rapid than we expected," he added that our Manitoba clay is a danger as well.

He pointed out that the Glenwood reservoir dike, Elmwood had slipped back as much as eight inches in places under the pressure of the still-high waters.

The flood control committee agreed that continual and careful inspections should become the

Cheerio Group Will Entertain Flood Workers

Entertainment for army dike workers who were rushed to Winnipeg for the flood battle will be provided by the Cheerio troupe—a Winnipeg group which gave concerts for troops during the war—at 8 p.m. Tuesday in St. James hall.

At the request of the army, Miss Mabelle Monnington, Cheerio director, spent the week-end arranging a variety show which will feature William Workbeck, violinist, the Beverly Dunsmore Fashionettes; Cliff Gardner, comedy singer; Jack Oldfield, a ventriloquist from Toronto and his dummies Joe and Jerry.

CANCEL CHURCH PARADE

Annual church parade of the first Masonic district, which was to have been held Sunday in St. Andrew's-River Heights' United church, has been cancelled owing to flood conditions.

LEGION MEET CANCELLED

A meeting of the Duke of Kent branch of the Canadian Legion, which was to have been held Wednesday, has been cancelled.

Frogman Escapes Death After Oxygen Line Fouled

A navy frogman came within 30 seconds of losing his life Monday when his vital oxygen line became fouled while he was salvaging a hose in a flooded Winnipeg street. Lieut. Richard "Tiny" Titus, six-foot-five-inch frogman from Halifax, was trying to recover sections of 9,000 feet of hose line abandoned beneath 10 feet of water near the corner of Colony street and Whitehall behind the amphitheatre.

Working from a duck, the frogman attached a rope and a buoy to two sections of hose. He went back down a second time with another buoy and rope to mark off more hose. Gropping around in the dark, Lieut. Titus tied the rope to some hose, and found his oxygen line had been choked off by the rope.

Battling to the surface carrying hose, rope, buoy and his 50 pounds of equipment, the 247-pound frogman groped the side of the duck. With all his remaining strength, he slashed the tangled line free with his knife.

Lifted into the duck, "Tiny" was given a bottle of oxygen. "He must have gone without the precious stuff for about one and one-half minutes," said a navy spokesman. "Another 30 seconds and he would have had it!"

Still a little "woozy," Lieut. Titus is reported to be ready for more diving Tuesday, with oxygen this time, please.

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We travelled in an R.C.A.F. twin-engine Beechcraft, piloted by L. S. E. Nickerson, group operations officer, Tactical Group Headquarters, Winnipeg.

Taking off at 4:15 p.m. on the first lap of our 300-mile trip, we circled the municipalities of Fort Garry and St. Vital.

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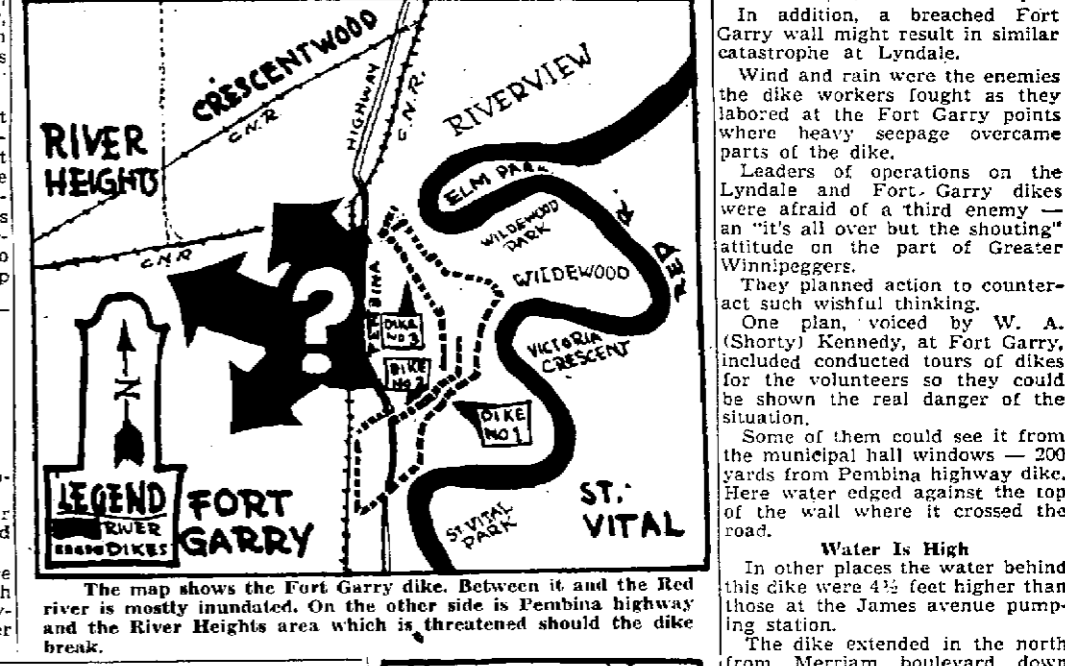
The bride wore a gown of white satin and net, and carried a bouquet of feathered white and pink carnations. The marriage rites were performed by Father Alferic St. Laurent, a cousin of the bride's mother.

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The newlyweds do not plan to leave the city at present, although both are eager to return to their home in St. Norbert. Meanwhile, the bride's parents have been informed they are to be evacuated for a third time. They expect to be sent to emergency shelter in Brandon Tuesday.

Dikes Hold Balance Of Victory Or Defeat, Must Be Watched

Compacency. This was the word that Tuesday most bothered the men in charge of operations on Greater Winnipeg's two main dikes, being reinforced on both sides at Lyndale drive, the extensive bulwark was holding — whether permanently, no one could say. In Fort Garry, nearly five miles of main and secondary dikes were being reinforced on both sides against a south wind that could



The map shows the Fort Garry dike. Between it and the Red river is mostly inundated. On the other side is Pembina highway and the River Heights area which is threatened should the dike break.

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Keep Up Dike Vigil Premier Cautions City

Premier D. L. Campbell, in a speech broadcast to the people of Manitoba Monday night, noted that "for the first time in several weeks the people of Greater Winnipeg and the valley have seen the Red river hold steady. The men on the dikes have been able to divert their energies momentarily to carry out much-needed maintenance on weak spots and build stockpiles of sandbags to be used as the dikes settle."

He stated that the river was exerting "great pressure" on the dikes, and the speed of the current is "causing some wear", both of which he regarded as "threats of possible further flooding."

Precautionary measures are also being taken to guard the dikes once the flood waters begin to recede, the premier continued.

D. M. Stephens, the deputy minister of natural resources and one of Canada's leading experts, has explained that the dikes could settle at a more rapid rate than that of the decline of the water.

Cannot Relax "While tonight we can breathe easier, we cannot relax nor slacken our effort."

Referring to the visit Sunday of Viscount Alexander, the premier noted that the governor-general "requested that there be no fuss or fanfare for him, as he did not wish to interfere with the work at hand."

"The minister (Hon. Brooke Claxton, defence minister) has assured the Manitoba government that the military will be at our service for as long as we have need of them," he said.

The premier revealed that two members of the Fraser Valley Rehabilitation Authority, W. L. Mac'ean and Col. D'Arcy Baldwin, are scheduled to arrive here Tuesday from Vancouver for consultation with government officials and the military on post-flood plans.

"The experience and knowledge of these men will be invaluable, and we appreciate the spirit of co-operation shown by the government of British Columbia."

Premier Campbell said "many gallant efforts have been put forward by the people of Winnipeg and the valley in fighting the waters of the Red during the past weeks, but none has been more important to the community than that of the men who worked long hours at the power stations, substations and gas works."

He stressed that maintenance of these services is "due to these men. We owe them much. Never once have they placed their own safety or personal problems above their jobs."

Ascension Day Prayers Follow Flood Theme

The Rogation days — the three days preceding Ascension Day — devoted usually to general prayers for divine bounty during the season of sowing, have this year been concentrated by Winnipeg churches on prayers for the abatement of the flood. Ascension day services Thursday will culminate these special prayers.

Special attention to Ascension Day will be paid by the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran congregations of the city. In some cases the services will be postponed to Sunday, this being less due to the fact that members of congregations will be busy fighting the flood.

Due to the coincidence of the Ascension day date this year on the Julian and Gregorian calendars, Greek Orthodox congregations will join in the observance Thursday.

Anglican Churches Typical of Ascension Day services in Anglican churches will be sung mass at 9:30 a.m. in St. Michael and All Angels led by Rev. W. C. Turney; sung Eucharist in

St. Cuthbert's at 6:30 a.m., with Archdeacon R. E. Park officiating; and Holy Communion in Holy Trinity at 10:30 a.m. In St. Michael, the Paschal candle has been burning since Easter.

In St. Mary's cathedral and other Roman Catholic places of worship, the day will be kept as a holy day of obligation, with masses at 6:30, 7, 8 and 10 a.m. and at 12:15 and 12:50 p.m.

Lutheran Churches Included "Lutheran churches in the west do not invariably observe Ascension Day." Rev. Donald R. Orner, of the Church of the Redeemer, explained: "this year, in the Church of the Redeemer, we will incorporate it with the 11 a.m. service on Sunday." Mr. Orner's sermon topic will be "Far Above." The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Orner, will sing The Benediction, by Lutkin, and, At The Name of Jesus, by Vaughan Williams.

Another Lutheran church which will observe the day at the Sunday morning service will be the Church of the Cross. The service will be led by Pastor Wilfred K. Rath.



Mr. and Mrs. Camille Dorge, two St. Norbert evacuees who were married in the sacristy of the St. Boniface basilica Tuesday morning, are shown (above) with their Red Cross honor guard, after the wedding. The young couple were evacuated to Winnipeg early in May, and plan to remain here for several weeks. A wedding reception was held by the Red Cross in Sparling hall Tuesday afternoon.